नेपाल को निर्यात की जाने वाली वस्तुएं

*265. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय नेपाल को किन-किन वस्तुओं का निर्यात होता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि नमक आदि जैसे भारतीय सामान को नेपाल में बहुत ऊंचे मूल्य पर बेचा जाता है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप नेपाल के लोगों के मन में भारत की छवि खराब हो रही है जैसा कि विभिन्न समाचार-पत्रों में छपे समाचारों से पता चलता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या-क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) भारत से नेपाल को निर्यात होने वाली मदों में शामिल हैं : वस्त्र धागा, फैब्रिक्स तथा तैयार वस्तुएं, मशीनरी तथा परिवहन उपस्कर, रासायनिक पदार्थ एवं सम्बद्ध उत्पाद, तम्बाकू तथा तम्बाकू उत्पाद, कागज की वस्तुएं, गर-धात्विक खनिज उत्पाद, लोहा तथा इस्पात, धातु निर्मित माल जिनका अन्यत्र उल्लेख नहीं है तथा नमक सहित अनिवार्य मदें ।

(ख) सरकार की जानकारी में ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं आई है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Afforestation of 'Critical Zones'

*267. SHRI BHAGATRAM MAN-HAR;
SHRI BIR BHADRA PARTAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tber$_e$ is any proposal under Government's consideration ^ declare certain ecologically devastated areas as critical zones;

(b) if so, what are the detail$_s$ thereof;

(c) whether such critical zones will also be afforested; and

. (d) if so, what are the schemes for afforestation which are likely to *be* im plemented 'n these critical zones in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHA-JAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of zone$_s$ jn the country are critically degraded needing restoration on priority. SQ far, declaration of the Doon Valley as an ecologically fragile zone is being considered in consultation with the U. P. State Government.

(c) Yes, sir.

(d) Reclamation of the abandoned limestone mines is already in progress. A 5-year integrated Watershed Manage ment Project for the Doom Valley with emphasis on soil conservation and affo restation has been prepared by the TJ. P. Government. Afforestation programme covers rehabilitation of 29,750 ha. of degraded forest$_s$ including farm forestry and plantation of fuel and fodde$_r$ yield ing species.

Bringing of the wages of child labour at par with that of Adult Labour

*268. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any directions to the State Governments to bring the wage$_s$ of child labour at par with that of adult labour in pursuance of their policy of gradual elimination °f child labour;

(b) if so, the salient features of the directions issued i$_n$ this regard; anj

(c) the measure$_s$ taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to

ensure that State Governments implement these directions faithfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) t$_0$ (c) Th$_e$ Stat$_e$ Governments|Union Territories ffSve been advised to fix the same wagee for adult and child workers. The matter will be followed up if necessary.

Development of Wasteland

269. SHRIMATl PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of (i) National Landuse' and Wastelands Development Corporation and (ii) National Wastdands Development' Board;

(b) whether th$_e$ organisations referred to abpve 'aave taken any initiativ$_e$ for wastelands development in the Union Territory $_0$f Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof areawise|placewise;

(c) if the reply t$_0$ part (b) abov$_e$ be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what .steps Government have taken o$_r$ propose to take to develop such land, particularly near the various small rail way stations|railway lines i$_n$ the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE • MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHA-JAN LAL): (a) A statement showing '\ fheir functions is placed ^{on} the table of the House *(See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. A centrally sponsored scheme fo$_r$ "Rural Fuelwodd Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-sensitive Non-Himalayan Areas" j$_s$ under implementa-^{1} tion i$_n$ the Union Territory of Delhi. Further a "Delhj Wasteland Development Project" has been prepared with a view to meet ^{tne} fuelwooj anj fodder requirements and to develop forests in the Union Territory of Delhi with an outlay of Rs. 170 lakhs to cover an area of 2000 ha. in a period of four years.

(c) Does not $_a$rise.

(d) Plantation alongside of railway tracks has been taken up by Delhi Administration undejr social, forestry schemes "from the year 1984-85.

Statement

Role and functions oj National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council and National Wastelands Development Board.

1) National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council

The Council $_w$ill b$_e$ the highest • policy planning and coordinating agency for $^{a^{\wedge}}$ issues concerning the health and scientific management of the country's land resources. It will oversee the work of ' the. National Wastelands Development Board and the National Landus$_e$ and Conservation Board. Recommendations of these Boards which involve larger policy issues will be placed before the Council for taking a final view.

(2) National Wastelands Development Board

The principal aim of the Board shall be to bring under productive use, wastelands in the country through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting/ To this end, it will undertake the following main functions:

(i) Formulate within the -overall National Policy, Perspective Pl$_{an}$ and Programmes for the management and development $_0$f wastelands in the country.

(ii) Identify the wastelands in the country to .be covered under the programme of the Board.

(iii) Review the progress of implementation of programmes and schemes for the development of wasteland by different agencies within and outside the Governmment.